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The Commissioner of Patents
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Date: 19 January 2002
Docket No. AA 980218 CIP
Prior Art Unit 2664
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

[] continued prosecution application ("CPA") under 37 CFR 1.53(d)

[X] continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)
of pending prior application Serial No. 09/045,970, filed on 21
March 1998 for Zenick Jr. et al.

[X] Enclosed are copies of 32 sheets of specification and 11
drawing sheets (all of which constitutes the
specification and drawing in this application) and the
Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent
application.

[] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line
as a centered heading: --Cross Reference To Related
Applications--; and insert below that as a new paragraph
--This is a [X] continuation [] divisional of
application Serial No. 09/045,970, filed 3/21/98.--

[] An appointment of associates is enclosed.

[] As last amended, the title has been changed to

[] As last amended, the name of applicant(s) has changed to

[] Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this
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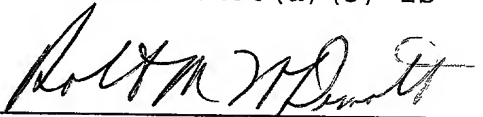
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- [] The Commissioner has been authorized in the prior application to charge the filing fee calculated above, plus any additional fees which may be required except for the Issue Fee, to a Deposit Account.
- [] Priority of application Serial No. *****, filed on ***** in *****, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- [] The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. *****.
- [] This application is assigned to **AeroAstro, Inc.** by way of the assignment filed in application Serial No. 09/045,970.
- [X] Address all future communications to Robert M. McDermott, ESQ., 52 James Court, Montross, VA 22520; Customer ID 23662
- [] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
- [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.
- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- [] An Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.


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